

Design, Synthesis and Structural Inspection of Some Novel Di- And Tri-Azomethene Compounds as Chemo Sensors for the Detection of Various Metal Ions

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Abstract

In this study, NBA imine compound was synthesized via an easy one-pot condensation of 3-nitro-benzaldehyde with 2-amino benzoic acid in 1:1 ratio and DAPH imine compound derived from 2,6-diacetyl pyridine and phenyl hydrazine hydrochloride. Consequences of the newly synthesized compounds hooked up with the aid of FT-IR, elemental analyses, ¹³C-NMR, ¹H-NMR and digital spectral research. Experiments had been consistent with their chemical structures. Theoretical DFT calculations had been implemented to confirm the molecular geometry of the investigated chemo-sensors. The sensor property of all organized imines had been tested upon addition of the metal ions, consisting of Cr(III), Fe(II), Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II), Zn(II), Mn(II), VO(II) and Pd(II). The interactions among receptors and ions are effortlessly monitored with the aid of UV-visible spectroscopy. DAPH receptor confirmed color modification from blood red to excessive deep green color to Co(II), a yellow color to Cu(II) and different colors to different ions. Where the NBA receptor showed color modification from light yellow to excessive deep orange color to Fe(II), pale orange to Pd(II) and different colors for other ions.

Keywords: Azomethine; Chemo-sensors; DFT calculations; Solvent effect; Spectroscopic titration; Receptor.

Introduction

Synthesis and designing of recent imine compounds with chemo-sensor or colorimetric, that is non-dangerous, eco-friendly and particularly sensitive and selective toward metals, are presently of splendid interest. Many natural sensors had been advanced to find out metallic ions which includes Mn(II) [1], Fe(II) [2], Co(II) [3], Ni(II) [4], Cu(II) [5], Zn(II) [6], Mn(II) [7], VO(II) [8], and Pd(II) [9] in aqueous media. Imine compounds which having an azomethine group (-C=N-), are many of the maximum essential ligands utilized in modern-day coordination chemistry because of their well-known coordinative functionality [10-18]. Those imines and their metal imine chelates have extensive utility in exceptional regions of electrochemistry [19], catalysis [20,21], solid phase extraction of metallic ions and separation routes [22], and several kinds of polymerization [23]. They're additionally discovered to showcase a huge variety of organic activities, which have been containing antibacterial [24], antifungal [25], antimalarial [26], antiproliferative [27], anti-inflammatory [28], antiviral [29], antitumor [30,31] and antioxidant [32]. Furthermore, they may be turning into essential inside the corrosion inhibitors [33], extremely selective polymer membrane electrodes [34], optical sensors [35], and biological probes [36]. Different imines are organized by way of the condensation reaction of prime amines with vivacious carbonyl gatherings of aldehydes in one: one M proportion. on this work, it's been intended to procure new colorimetric chemo-sensors for particular recognition of Cr(III), Fe(II), Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II), Zn(II), Mn(II), VO(II) and Pd(II) particles in aqueous media. Therefore, NBA imine containing nitro group, became prepared via an easy one-pot condensation of 3-nitro-benzaldehyde with 2-amino benzoic acid in 1:1 ratio, respectively while DAPH tri-imine- was synthesized by condensation of 2,6-diacetyl-pyridine with phenyl-hydrazinium chloride, respectively. So, a new novel imine, that have greater binding nature toward metallic ions, had been synthesized as chemo-sensors.

Experimental

Materials and reagents

Every one of the reagents and solvents utilized in the preparation of compounds have been of commercially to be had accessible reagent grade and applied without purification. They covered 3-nitro benzaldehyde, 2-amion benzoic acid, 2, 6 diacetyl-pyridine, phenyl-hydrazinium chloride, vanadyl acetylacetonate ($\text{VO}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{O}_2)_2$), chromium nitrate ($\text{Cr}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$), copper chloride ($\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$), cobalt chloride ($\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$), nickel nitrate hexa-hydrate ($\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$), zinc nitrate hexa-hydrate ($\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$), manganese chloride ($\text{MnCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$), Ammonium ferrous sulfate ($(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Fe}(\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$) and palladium acetate ($\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$) had been acquired from Sigma-Aldrich. Spectroscopic grade ethanol, dimethyl formamide (DMF), toluene, methanol, chloroform, ammonium hydroxide and acetic acid products were used.

Instrumentation

Melting point to DAPH imine compound had been done on a melting point tool, Gallenkamp, UK. Infrared spectra have been registered as KBr pellets utilizing Shimadzu. FT-IR-8300 spectrophotometer. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra have been acquired in DMSO-d₆ solutions with a Bruker Avance DPX-500 spectrometer. All the scanning UV-Vis spectra in DMF have been recorded utilizing 10 mm matched quartz cells via PG spectrophotometer version T+80. Elemental analyses which have been made at principal lab of Cairo University via Elemental analyzer Perkin-Elmer (model240c).

Preparation of DAPH compound

Five m mole (0.82g) of 2,6 diacetyl-pyridine had been dissolved in ethanol and added dropwise to the ethanolic solution of five m mole (0.545g) of phenyl-hydrazinium chloride on cold. Then, the resultant blood red precipitate was formed after half an hour from stirring. The solid product had been accumulated through suction filtered and had been washed by ethanol and dried over anhydrous CaCl_2 . Finally, pure blood red solid was afforded after all the precipitates drying for 12h in vacuo at 55 °C. The yield was 95% and melting point is 210 °C.

FT-IR (KBr disc cm^{-1}) (DAPH): 1599 $\nu(\text{-CH=N})$; 3388 $\nu(\text{H}_2\text{O})$; 3265 $\nu(\text{-NH-})$; 3093 $\nu(\text{-CH-})$; 1536 $\nu_{\text{py}}(\text{-C=N})$.

¹H NMR (δ , ppm), in DMSO-d₆: 9.9-9.4(br,2H,2NH), 8.0-6.86(m,13H, aromatic), 2.44(s,6H,2CH₃).

¹³C NMR (δ , ppm), in DMSO-d₆: 145,129,120,118,113,12.

Elemental analysis (DAPH (C₂₁H₂₁N₅)): carbon (found 73.39 %, calc. 73.47%); Hydrogen (found 6.09 %, calc. 6.12%); Nitrogen (found 20.43 %, calc. 20.41%).

Preparation of NBA imine compound

Five m mole (0.69g) of anthranilic acid had been dissolved in ethanol and added dropwise to solution of ethanol of five m mole (0.76g) of 3-nitrobenzaldehyde on cold. Then the mixture was refluxed for five hours at 85 °C. Then, the resultant pale-yellow

precipitate had been formed. Solid product had been accumulated through suction filtered and had been washed by ethanol and dried over anhydrous CaCl_2 . Finally, pure yellow solid was afforded after all the precipitates drying for 12h in vacuo at 55 °C. The yield was 83% and melting point is 215 °C.

FT IR (KBr disc cm^{-1}) (NBA): 1626 $\nu(\text{-C=N})$; 3071 $\nu(\text{-CH-})$; 3473 $\nu(\text{H}_2\text{O})$.

¹H NMR (δ , ppm), in DMSO-d₆: 10.16 (s,1H, COOH), 8.69 (s,1H, CH=N), 6.51-8.48 (m,8H, aromatic).

¹³C NMR (δ , ppm), in DMSO-d₆: 92,170,139,138,137,136,133, 132,131,130,121,120,115,114.

Elemental analysis (NBA (C₁₄H₁₀N₂O₄)): carbon (found 62.13 %, calc. 62.18%); Hydrogen (found 3.68 %, calc. 3.70%); Nitrogen (found 10.37 %, calc. 10.36%).

Computational techniques to affirmation the suggested structures of the investigated chemo-sensors

The lowest energy geometries were calculated, applying density functional theory and using the Gaussian09 program. The DFT/B3LYP/LANL2DZ level of theory was used for the geometry optimization to get the lowest energy structures for the prepared imine ligands [37].

Absorption measurements of the prepared imine compounds

UV- vis spectra had been estimated in DMF to (DHAP and NBA), and in different solvents (toluene, methanol and chloroform) with 0.01mM concentration over the wavelength extent 200-800nm at room temperature. Changes in the wavelength of the maximum absorption (λ_{max}) had been additionally checked in pure solvents, basic and acidic media. 0.1mL CH₃COOH acid and 0.1mL NH₄OH had been added up to the solutions (5mL) in all non-polar and polar solvents to outfit the acidic and basic media, respectively.

Colorimetric chemosensor

Assessment of affectability: To research the detecting properties of the prepared DHAP and BNA imine compounds with various metal ions such as (Cr^{3+} , Fe^{2+} , V^{2+} , Co^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , Zn^{2+} and Pd^{2+}) for complexation with receptor had been utilized. An inventory solution of the metal ions (0.1M) had been prepared in refined water, and it end up weakened to 0.1mM in water. An inventory solution of receptors (0.1mM) had been prepared in DMF. In selectivity analyzes, the check samples have been set up by method for putting two mL of metal cation solution (0.1mM) into 2mL solution (0.1mM) of ligand. After blending them, UV- vis spectra have been taken at room temperature within the wavelength interval of 200-800nm, in steps of one nm utilizing a 1-cm-thick quartz cell. For evaluation of the impact of time on the stableness of imines and the interplay of them with ions, UV-vis spectra had been also registered four days later.

UV-vis titration of the prepared imines with different metal ions: In titration experiments, on every occasion an one ml DMF solution of receptor (0.1 mM) become filled in check tube, after

which increasing volumes (0.1-1.00 ml) of aqueous solution of the metal ion (0.1 M) have been added into tube. After blending those samples, UV-vis spectra have been taken at room temperature within wavelength interval of 200-800 nm.

Movement plot estimations: On this examination, the entire concentration (0.1M) and overall quantity (two mL) of the receptor and metal ion have been put away steady and changing over the molar proportion of receptor from 0.1 to 1.0.

Results and Discussion

Physicochemical properties of the investigated DAPH and NBA imine ligands

Condensation of 2,6-diacetylpyridine with Phenyl hydrazine hydrochloride gave tri-dentate DHAP imine with red blood color,

that aldehydes had been used at one: two M ratio. For NBA imine, a yellow precipitate was formed with the condensation of anthranilic acid and 3-nitrobenzaldehyde in 1:1M ratio. The newly synthesized tri-dentate DHAP imine with NNN donor atoms and bi-dentate NBA imine with NO benefactor atoms are steady at pressure and climatic temperature. They have been displayed phenomenal dissolvability in natural solvents like DMF. What's more they display dissolvability in methanol, ethanol, and acetone at low focuses. The analytical information is provided in experimental section, show excellent concurrences with the suggested structure of all prepared imines (Figure 1). Binding properties of DHAP and NBA imines towards chose metal particles (Cr^{3+} , Fe^{2+} , Vo^{2+} , Co^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , Zn^{2+} and Pd^{2+}) had been assessed via colorimetry and UV-vis assimilation spectrophotometry at 25 °C in DMF-water blend.

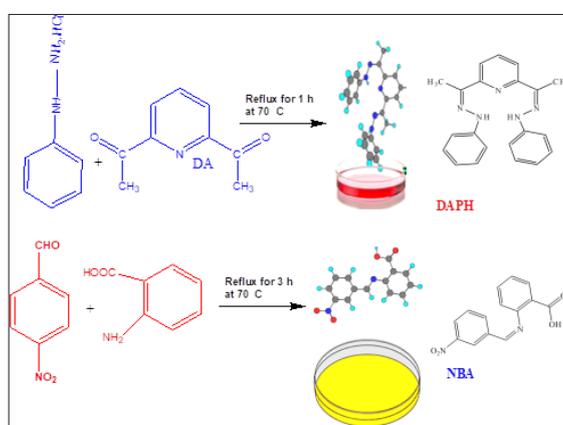


Figure 1: Schematic diagram for synthesis of the investigated chemosensors.

Infrared spectra

IR technique is used for representing the spectra of ligands. The prominent peak assignments are listed in experimental section and Figure 2,3. Bands due to $-\text{CH}=\text{N}$ is discernable and offer verification with respect to the structure of the ligand. A band observed at 1599cm^{-1} in the DAPH ligand which corresponds to the $-\text{CH}=\text{N}$ stretching vibration. Band at 3388cm^{-1} observed in the

ligand spectrum is due to stretching vibrations of free H_2O . Band at 3265cm^{-1} observed in the ligand spectrum is due to stretching vibrations of $-\text{NH}-$ and band at 1536cm^{-1} is due to stretching vibrations of $-\text{CH}=\text{N}$ of pyridine ring. But the ligand NBA showed band at 1626cm^{-1} , which corresponds to the $-\text{CH}=\text{N}$ stretching vibration [38,39], band at 3473cm^{-1} is due to stretching vibrations of free H_2O and band at 3071cm^{-1} , which corresponds to the $-\text{CH}-$ aromatic stretching vibration.

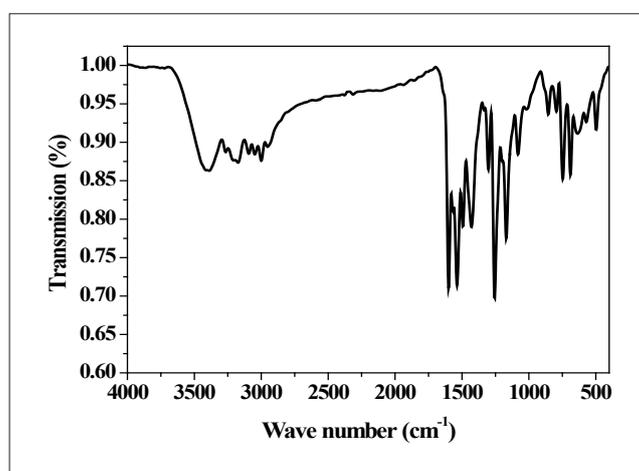


Figure 2: FT-IR spectrum of DAPH ligand.

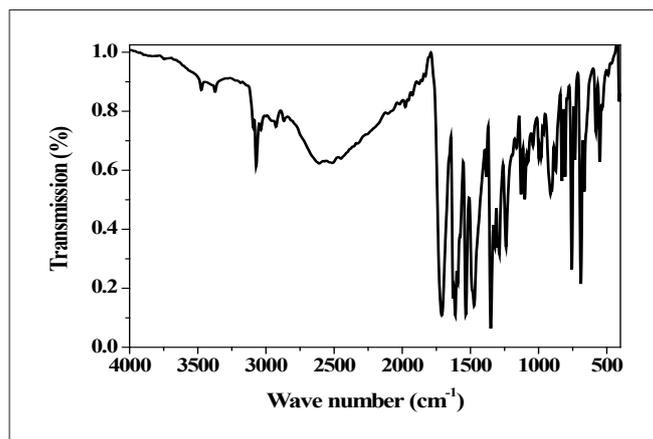


Figure 3: FT-IR spectrum of NBA ligand.

¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectra of the prepared DAPH imine ligand: To investigate the encapsulation behavior, ¹H NMR and ¹³CNMR studies are used for demonstrating the interaction of the host molecule and guest molecule between DA and PH. The ¹H NMR and ¹³C-NMR results are shown in Figure 4,5 and experimental section. The ¹H NMR spectrum of DAPH imine ligand had been displayed two broad signals at $\delta=9.90$ and 9.40 ppm, that have been referred to the two protons of -NH- group. Also it

has been showed singlet signal at $\delta=2.44$ that had been assigned to the two methyl group. Moreover, it shows multiple signals at $8.00-6.86$ ppm for aromatic of ¹³-CH protons. ¹³CNMR of DAPH imine ligand exhibited signal at 145.62 ppm may be assigned to two azomethine carbon [40,41]. It exhibits signal at 12 ppm which may be assigned to two symmetrical methyl carbons. The signals observed in the region $113.95-129.46$ ppm had been assigned to phenyl and pyridine ring carbons.

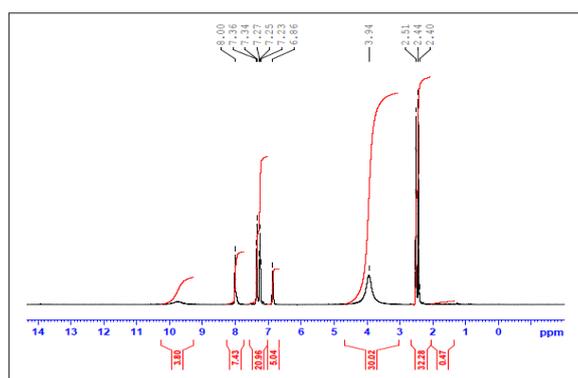


Figure 4: ¹H NMR spectrum of DAPH imine ligand.

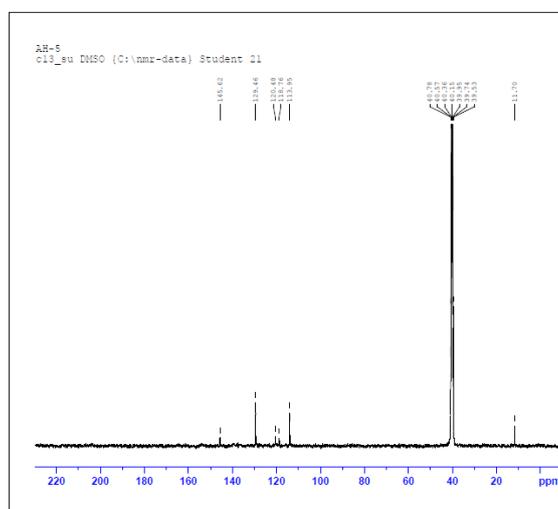


Figure 5: ¹³CNMR spectrum of DAPH imine ligand.

¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectra of the prepared NBA imine ligand: To investigate the encapsulation behavior, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR studies are used for demonstrating the interaction of the host molecule and guest molecule between NB and A. The ¹H NMR and ¹³C-NMR results are shown in Figure 6,7 and experimental section. The ¹H NMR spectrum of NBA imine ligand showed one singlet signal at $\delta=10.16$ ppm, that is assigned to the one proton of carboxylic group. Also, it has been showed singlet signal at $\delta=8.69$

that had been assigned to the one proton of azomethine group. Moreover, it shows multiple t signals at 8.48-6.51ppm for aromatic of 8- CH protons. ¹³C NMR of NBA imine ligand exhibited signal at 170.00ppm may be assigned to azomethine carbon [40,41]. It also exhibits signal at 192ppm which may be assigned to carboxylic carbon. The signals observed in the region 114-139ppm had been referred to phenyl carbons.

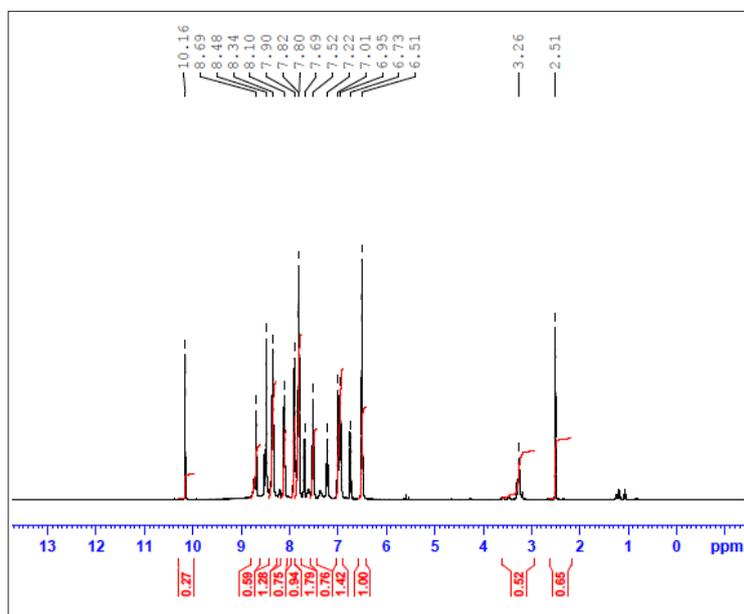


Figure 6: ¹H NMR spectrum of NBA imine ligand.

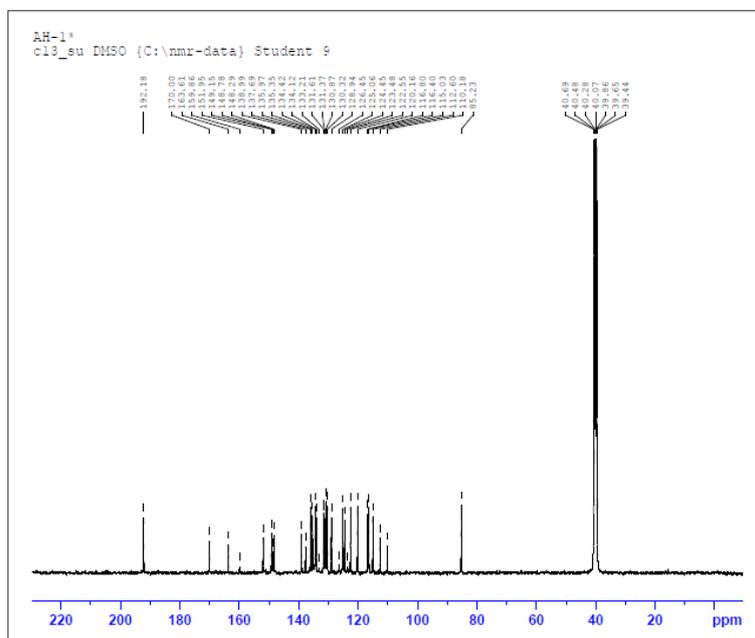


Figure 7: ¹³C NMR spectrum of NBA imine ligand.

DFT calculations for the prepared imine compounds

Figure 8 shows the optimized structures of the prepared imines as the lowest energy configurations and the normal charges on the atoms of, which indicates large electron density in nitrogen and

oxygen atoms. The computed total energy, the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) energies, the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) energies and the dipole moment for the investigated chemo-sensors ligands were calculated (Table1).

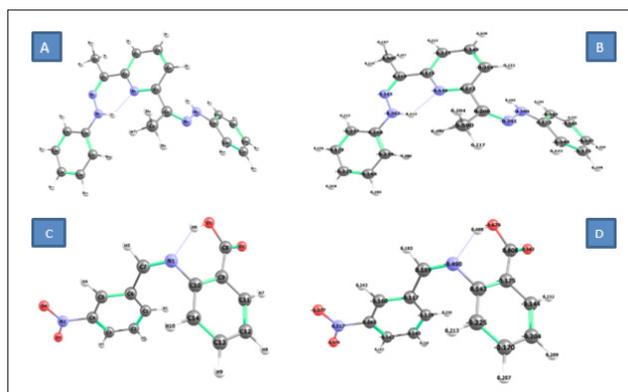


Figure 8: The optimized structures for the prepared (A), (B) DAPH and (C), (D) NBA imine chemosensors.

Table 1: Calculated energies of the prepared chemosensors at B3LYP/LANL2DZ.

	E ^a	HOMO ^b	LUMO ^c	ΔE ^d	Dipole Momente
DAPH	-1086.86	-0.1967	-0.0698	0.1269	3.378
NBA	-950.058	-0.2588	-0.1179	0.1409	4.439

^aE: The total energy (a.u.). ^bHOMO: Highest Occupied Molecular Orbital (eV).

^cLUMO: Lowest Unoccupied Molecular Orbital (eV).

^dΔE: E_{LUMO} - E_{HOMO} (eV). ^eDipole moment (Debye).

UV-vis spectra of the prepared imine compounds in different mediums

The absorption spectra of the prepared imines were measured in solvents of different polarities such as DMF, Methanol, and chloroform and toluene solution. The spectral information has been given in Table 2. DAPH imine compound shows absorption maxima until 534nm whereas NBA imine compound had not shown any assimilation maxima above 400nm (Figure 9, 10). This could be attributed to the nature structure of each one of them and the interaction between different solvents and each compound depending on pH of the medium. The absorption bands in region around 360nm observed in spectra of DAPH and NBA imines had been assigned to the n-π* transition of imine chromophores. In polar solvents such as methanol and DMF, DHAP imine compound shows band at 520 and 534, respectively whereas these bands disappear while moving to nonpolar toluene solvent. This could mainly ascribe to the stability of these bands in polar solvent which have n-π* or n-σ* transitions as the polarity of the investigated solvents follow the order of: methanol > DMF > CHCl₃ > Toluene. In acidic medium, the two imine bonds of DAPH compound are protonated and blocked. Thus, bands at 520 and 534 methanol and DMF, respectively are disappeared. In basic medium, there is an intermolecular hydrogen bond formed between hydroxide ion of basic medium and -NH- of DAPH compound. This leads to blue shift in bands of DAPH compound and disappearing of bands over 400nm (Table 2 and Figure 9). Bands below 300nm for DAPH and NBA imine compounds are assigned to π-π* transition and nearly didn't changed over altering of medium or its pH.

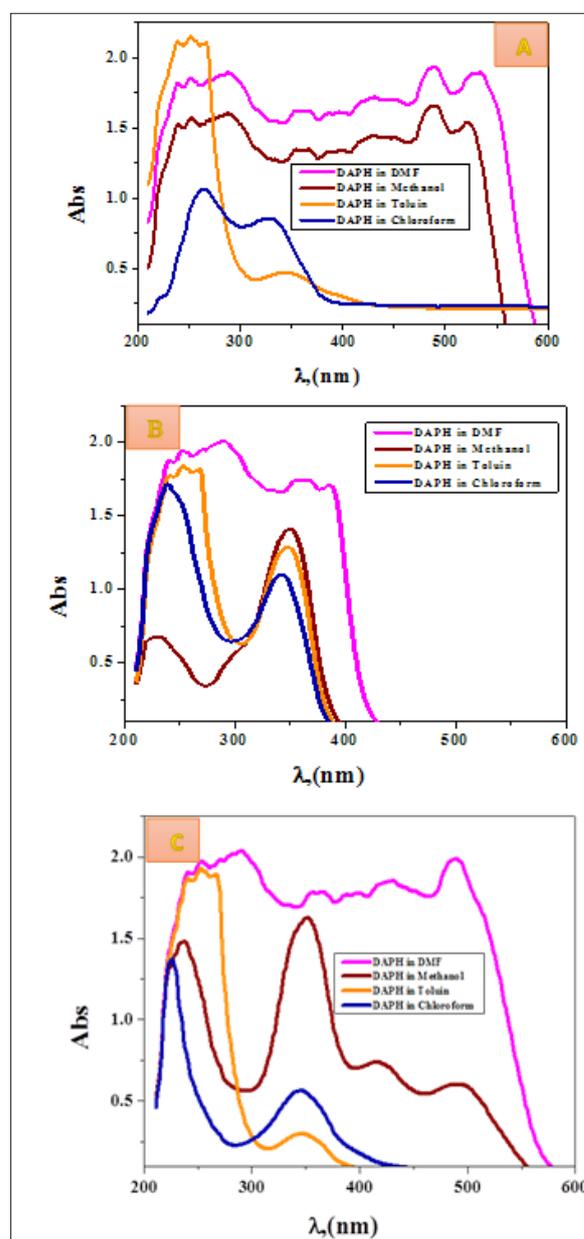


Figure 9: Molecular electronic spectra of DAPH imine in (A) various solvents (B) Basic medium (C) Acidic medium.

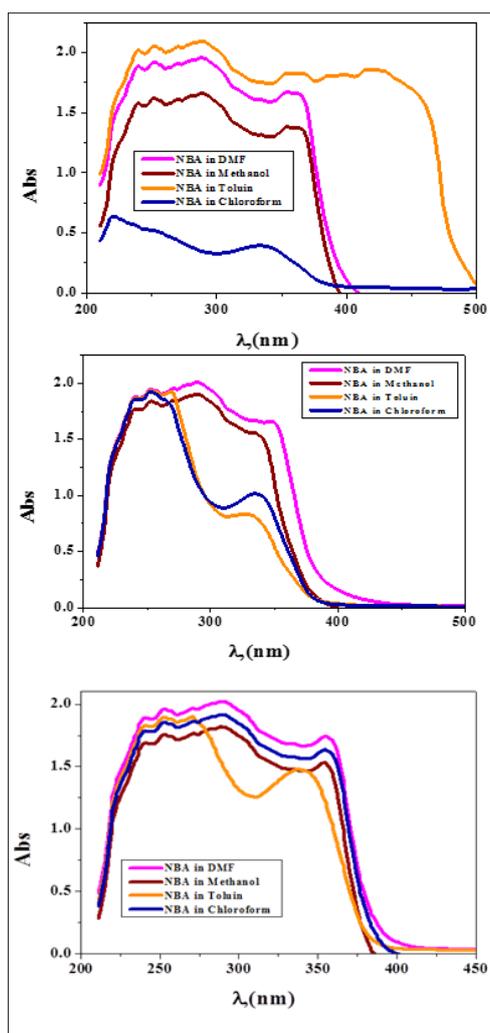


Figure 10: Molecular electronic spectra of NBA imine in (A) various solvents (B) Basic medium (C) Acidic medium.

Table 2: Absorption maxima (λ_{max}) in various solvents, acidic and basic solutions.

Solvent	Compound			Compound		
	DHAP	NBA		NBA		
	Pure	Acidic	Basic	Pure	Acidic	Basic
DMF	534.63	-	-	359.81	355.42	350.5
	489.49	488.07	-	289.40	290.47	290.47
	431.31	427.63	386.92	270.28	270.28	271.40
	360.67	360.67	354.90	251.22	252.29	252.85
	287.61	289.36	290.87	238.68	240.31	240.31
	253.75	252.99	252.89			
	237.70	239.21	239.21			
Methanol	521.50	-	-	360.38	353.79	336.87
	489.49	491.66	-	289.97	290.47	289.97
	430.55	417.43	-	269.78	270.85	270.85
	360.00	351.97	350.47	251.22	252.85	252.89
	289.36	-	-	238.68	240.31	239.75
	251.58	-	-			
	237.70	236.95	-			
	-	-	229.68			

Chloroform	328.65	344.70	341.78	335.79	354.36	335.79
	-	-	239.21	-	289.97	-
	263.87	-	-	267	269.78	264
	-	226.08	-	251	252.29	252.54
				236	240.31	239.75
Toluene	344.70	346.88	348.29	428.03	-	-
	266.79	268.97	268.29	360.88	339.06	330.91
	250.83	251.58	252.25	289.97	270.85	269.78
	238.45	239.21	239.87	251.72	252.85	252.29
				239.18	239.75	239.75

For NBA imine compound, on changing from a protic solvent (methanol) to non protic solvent (DMF), it is observed that no changing in band of $n-\pi^*$. This could be attributed to intramolecular hydrogen bond within the molecule are stable in methanol and DMF. In relatively less polar solvent (chloroform), a blue shift occurs for band of $n-\pi^*$ (Table 2 and Figure 10). A new band at 428nm appears for NBA compound in non-polar solvent (toluene) due to instability of intramolecular hydrogen bond within the molecule. On changing from neutral to acidic and basic medium, it is observed that a blue shift with band of $n-\pi^*$. This could be attributed to protonation of nitrogen atom of imine group in acidic medium and enhancement of resonance in the direction of electron withdrawn nitro group of NBA compound in basic medium (Figure 10).

Sensing properties of the prepped imine compounds

Visual color change: Optical examination of DMF solution (0.1mM) of receptor imine compounds had been investigated in presence of an aqueous solution (0.1 mM) of different metal ions (Cr^{3+} , Fe^{2+} , VO^{2+} , Co^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , Zn^{2+} and Pd^{2+}) in 1:1 vol proportion. The color of DAPH and NBA are red and pale yellow in DMF (0.1mM) (Figure 11, 12); respectively. After addition of an aqueous

solution of metal ions into the DMF solution of DAPH (Figure 11), a pale green color for VO^{2+} , deep green color for Co^{2+} , yellow color for Cu^{2+} , orange color for Fe^{2+} , green color for Cr^{3+} , yellow-green for Ni^{2+} , reddish brown color for Pd^{2+} and pale yellow for Zn^{2+} ions were formed. In case of NBA, after addition of an aqueous solution of metal ions to its aqueous solution (Figure 12), a pale green color for VO^{2+} , blue color for Co^{2+} , brown color for Cu^{2+} , pale orange color for Fe^{2+} , silver color for Cr^{3+} , green color for Ni^{2+} and orange color for Pd^{2+} ions evolved that is simply detectable through naked eye. The results validated that DHAP shows excessive selectivity for all ions particularly Co^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , Pd^{2+} , Ni^{2+} and Zn^{2+} ions in DMF-water blend. Also, the results demonstrated that NBA displays high selectivity for all ions particularly Cu^{2+} , Fe^{2+} , Pd^{2+} , Ni^{2+} ions in DMF-water blend. It had been showed also that the color modification is most possibly due to the formation of a brand-new metal chelate, with unique electronic properties. The colorimetric adjustments had been investigated via observation over the time, as could be seen in Figure 13, the coloration of combinations containing receptor and metal ion have become frequently intense and light to the prepared imines after 4 days.

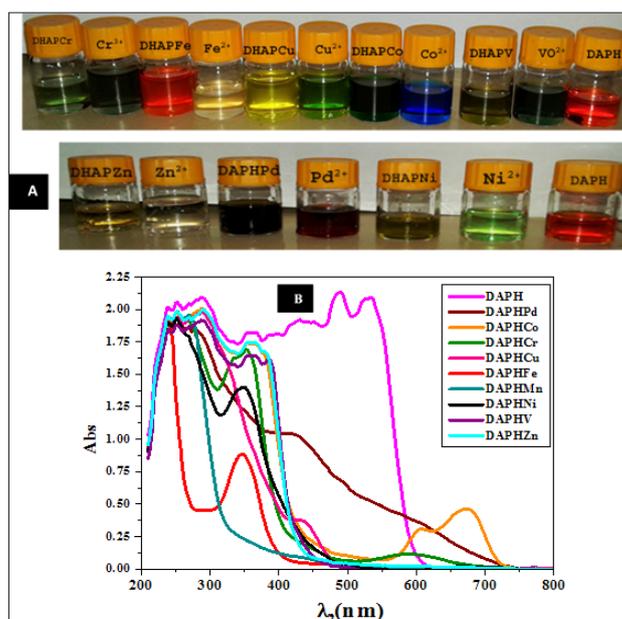


Figure 11: (A) color changes of interaction of (0.1mM) of DHAP imine ligand with (0.1mM) of the selected metal ions (B) UV-vis spectra of DAPH (0.1mM) in DMF after addition of 1.0 equivalent volume of various metal ions (0.1mM) in aqueous solution.

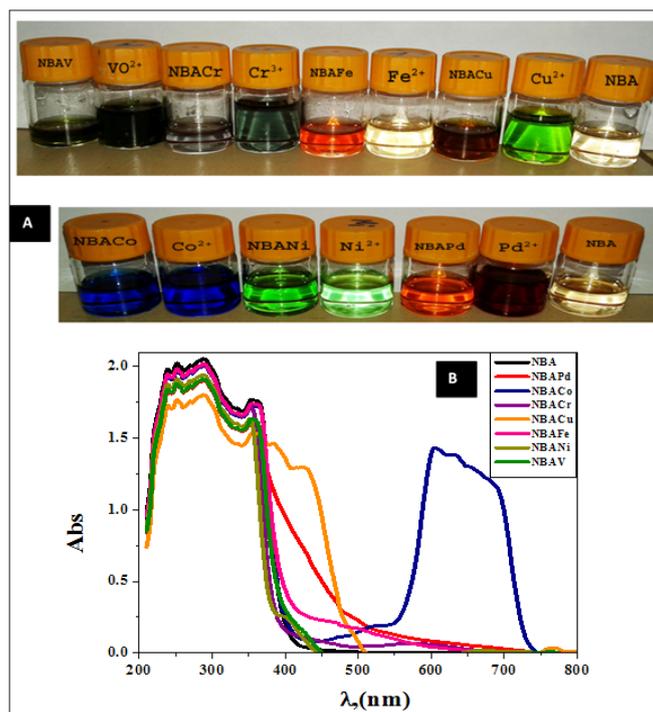


Figure 12: (A) color changes of interaction of (0.1mM) of NBA imine ligand with (0.1mM) of the selected metal ions (B) UV-vis spectra of NBA (0.1mM) in DMF after addition of 1.0 equivalent volume of various metal ions (0.1mM) in aqueous solution.

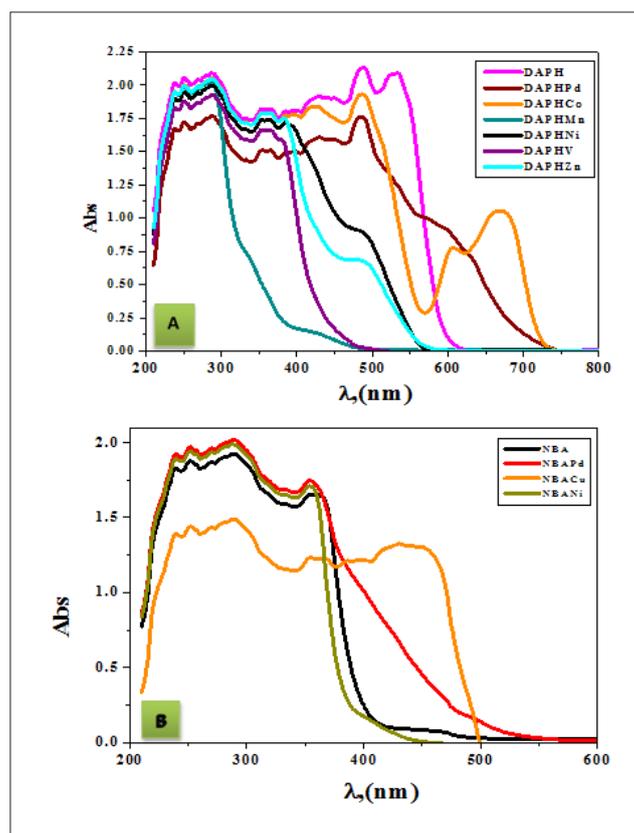


Figure 13: UV-vis spectra of (A) DAPH (0.1mM) and (B) NBA in DMF after addition of 1.0 equivalent volume of various metal ions (0.1mM) in aqueous solution, which recorded 4 days later.

Sensitivity: The sensing properties of DHAP and NBA imines had been explored toward metal ions (Cr^{3+} , Fe^{2+} , V^{2+} , Co^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , Zn^{2+} and Pd^{2+}) dissolved in water with the aid of UV-vis spectrum. In all cases, the mixing of DMF solution (0.1mM) of receptors with an aqueous solution (0.1mM) of metal ions had been at 1:1 vol ratio. Upon addition of various metal ions at 1 equivalent to DHAP imine receptor, the band of receptor at 534nm red shifted 70nm for Co^{2+} with appearing of new d-d transition bands at 604 and 670nm, red shifted 30nm for Pd^{2+} , red shifted 50 nm for Cr^{3+} and disappear for other selected metal ions (Fe^{2+} , V^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , Mn^{2+} and Zn^{2+}). For a band at 489nm of DHAP receptor; it occurs red shift by 6 nm for Co^{2+} and disappearing for other metal ions suggesting the coordination of ions with imine nitrogen (Figure 11). Under region of 400nm for DHAP receptor, there is no any notable change on addition to the selected metal ions. On addition of various metal ions at one equal to NBA receptor (Figure 12), there are a new bands were observed at 520 , 605 and 677nm for Co^{2+} , 400nm for Ni^{2+} , 385 and 426nm for Cu^{2+} and 467nm for Fe^{2+} ions displaying strong interaction to NBA receptor with these metal ions.

Spectroscopic titration for the interaction of the investigated imine receptors with the selected metal ions:

The cation binding properties of the prepared receptors had been studied via the absorption spectra all through titration of receptors in DMF with an aqueous solution of the selected metal ions. Upon addition of zero-ten equal volumes of Co^{2+} ion to a solution of DAPH receptor, new sturdy bands appeared at 605 and 670nm (Figure 14). The band (360nm) of DAPH receptor moved to 355 nm. However, no isosbestic point had been determined at some point of the titration. An increase in Co^{2+} volumes have been led to an increase in the absorbance of two main bands. Furthermore, for Co^{2+} ion quantity larger than ten equivalents, no considerable adjustments had been found inside the absorption spectrum. Beneath similar experimental condition, nearly the same behavior was observed for interaction of other selected metal ions with DAPH receptor (Figure 15-19). Addition, it is able to conclude that the absorbance of the bands of receptors had been decreased with the increasing Pd^{2+} ion volumes.

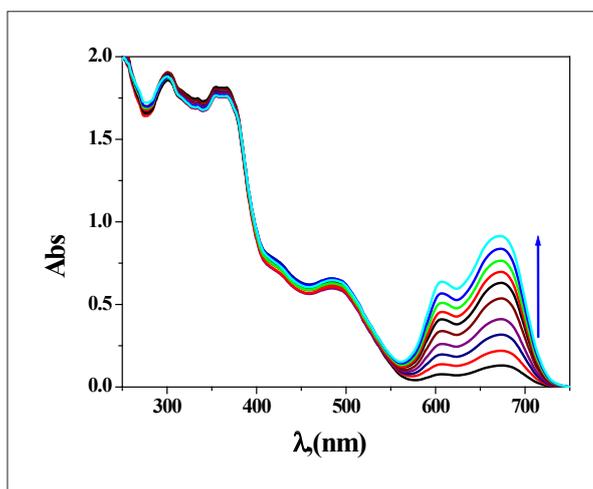


Figure 14: Spectrophotometric titration of DAPH (0.1mM) in DMF with various numbers of equivalent volume of Co(II) ion (0.1mM) in aqueous solution.

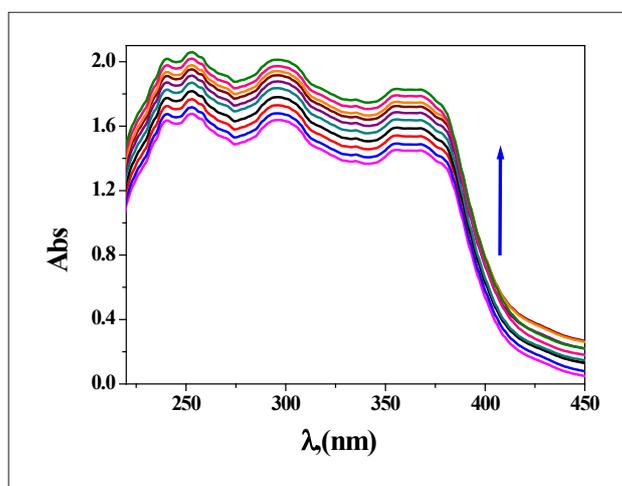


Figure 15: Spectrophotometric titration of DAPH (0.1mM) in DMF with various numbers of equivalent volume of Ni(II) ion (0.1mM) in aqueous solution.

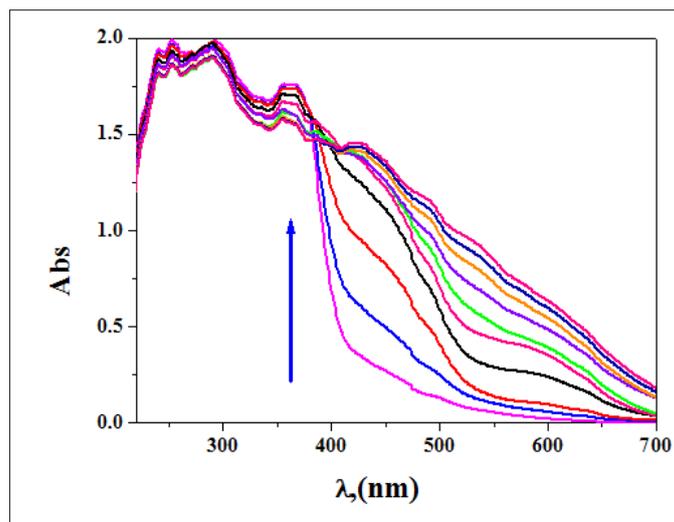


Figure 16: Spectrophotometric titration of DAPH (0.1mM) in DMF with various numbers of equivalent volume of Pd(II) ion (0.1mM) in aqueous solution.

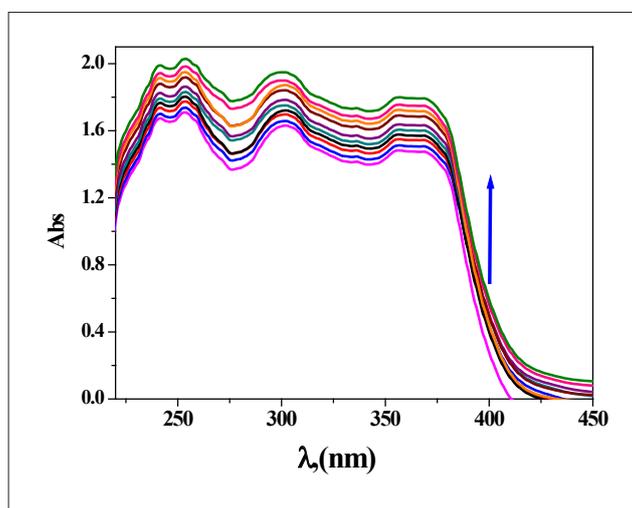


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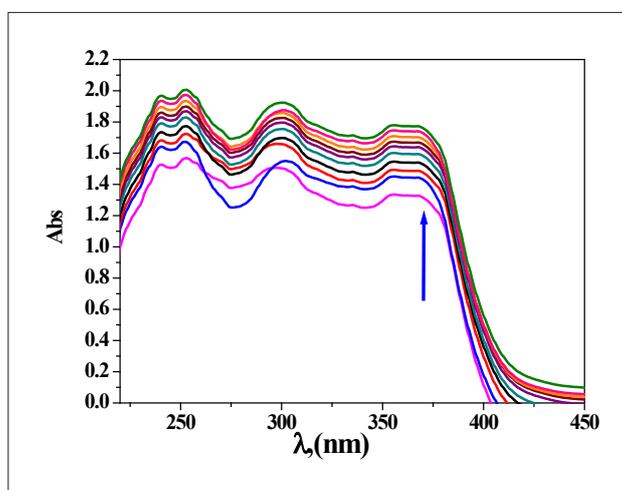


Figure 18: Spectrophotometric titration of DAPH (0.1mM) in DMF with various numbers of equivalent volume of Zn(II) ion (0.1mM) in aqueous solution.

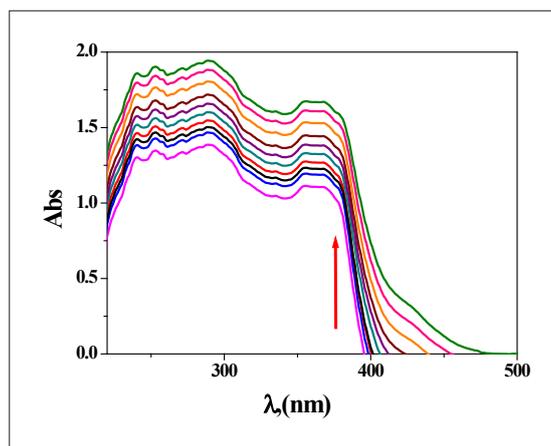


Figure 19: Spectrophotometric titration of DAPH (0.1mM) in DMF with various numbers of equivalent volume of VO(II) ion (0.1mM) in aqueous solution.

Upon addition of zero-ten equivalent volumes of Cu^{2+} ion to a solution of NBA receptor, new sturdy bands appeared at 435nm (Figure 20) with observing of presence of isobestic point throughout the titration. An increment in Cu^{2+} volumes had been led to an increase in the assimilation of this essential band.

Furthermore, for Cu^{2+} ion quantity large than ten equivalents, no considerable modification has been found inside the absorption spectrum. Underneath similar experimental condition, nearly the same behavior was observed for interaction of other selected metal ions with NBA receptor (Figure 21,22).

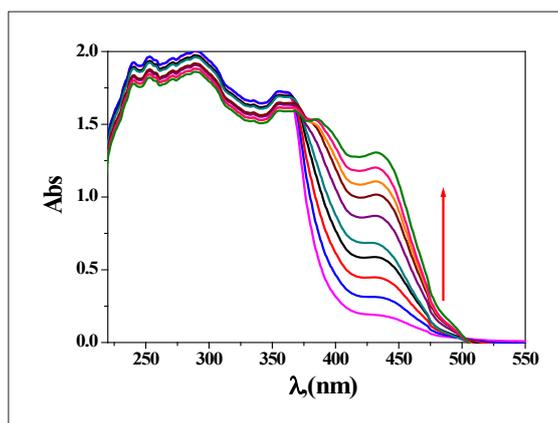


Figure 20: Spectrophotometric titration of NBA (0.1mM) in DMF with various numbers of equivalent volume of Cu (II) ion (0.1mM) in aqueous solution.

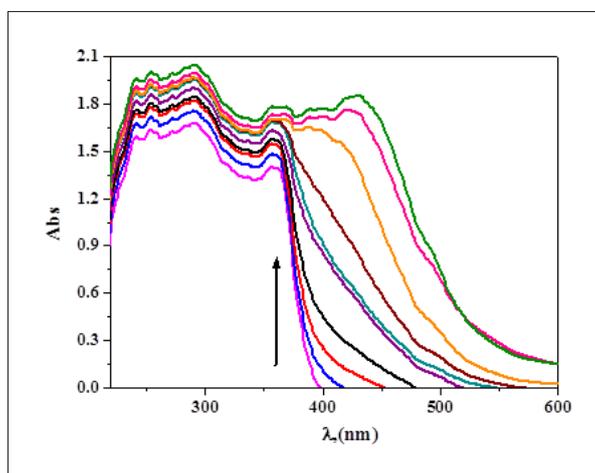


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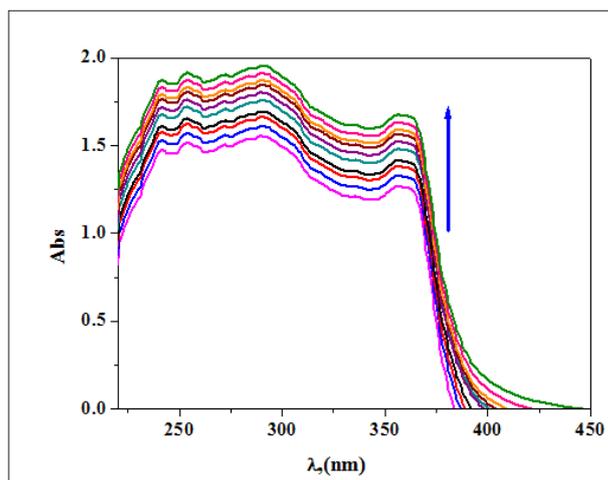
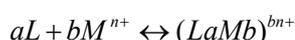


Figure 22: Spectrophotometric titration of NBA (0.1mM) in DMF with various numbers of equivalent volume of Ni(II) ion (0.1mM) in aqueous solution.

Stoichiometry: The complexation among the receptor and metal ion has been taken place following the given equilibrium



Where L is ligand and M is metal ion, a and b are stoichiometry of ligand and metal ion, respectively and n is the charge on metal ion. Within the course of the complexation, the metal ion probably coordinates with the nitrogen atom of the azomethine group and the oxygen atom of hydroxyl group inside the NBA receptor and the two azomethine groups and nitrogen of pyridine ring in DAPH receptor. On the idea of this binding mode, the intramolecular charge transfer (ICT) process has been taken place throughout the complexation. Upon addition of the metal cation to receptor, red shift inside the absorption spectra may be determined because

of this a more potent ICT from the electron donating hydroxyl group to the metal ion [42]. The red shift of n- π^* transition band of azomethine group [43].

Utilizing of UV-vis titration, the stoichiometric ratio of the investigated chemo-sensors to metal ion inside the complex had been calculated. Whilst the plots of the lower in absorbance at 435nm, 349nm and 451nm had been extrapolated, the ratio of Co(II), Pd(II) and Ni(II) got to nearly 1 respectively (Figure 23,24). Those outcomes had been indicated the 1:1 (L:M) stoichiometry for all the complexes. For NBA receptor, the red shift of n- π^* transition band of azomethine group belong absorbance at 435nm, 349nm and 451nm had been extrapolated, the ratio of Co(II), Pd(II) and Ni(II) got to nearly 0.75-1 (Figure 25). That information had been showed the 1:1 (L:M) stoichiometry for all the complexes.

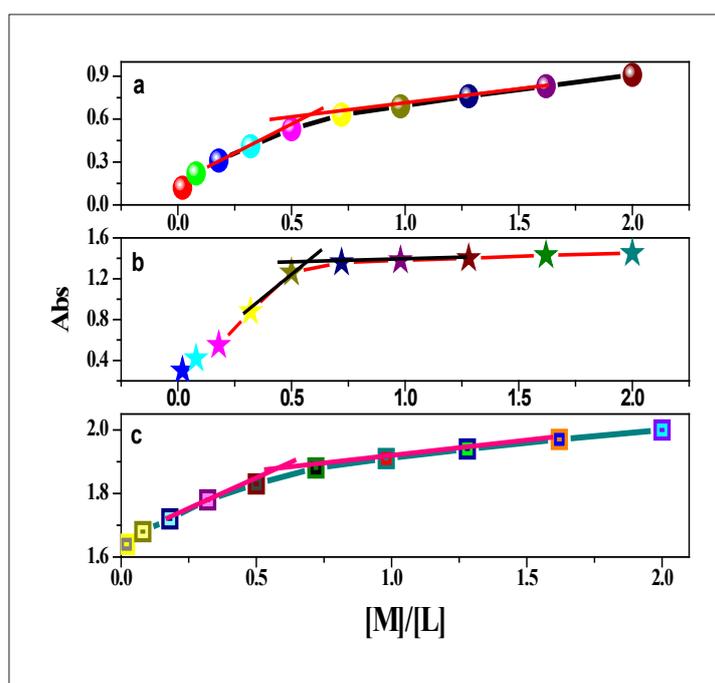


Figure 23: Plots of the UV-vis absorbance of DAPH at 671,431,296 nm with (a) Co(II), (b) Pd(II) and (c) Ni(II), respectively.

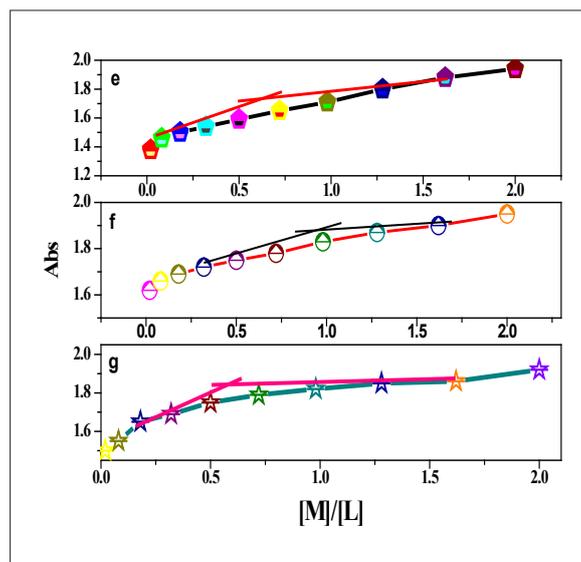


Figure 24: Plots of the UV-vis absorbance of DAPH at 368,369,369nm with (e) VO(II), (f) Mn(II) and Zn(II), respectively.

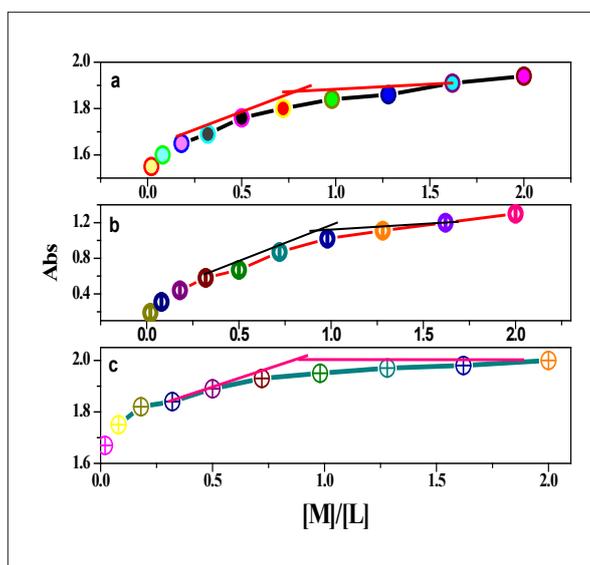


Figure 25: Plots of the UV-vis absorbance of NBA at 362,433,430nm with (a) Ni (II); b) Cu (II) and c) Pd (II), respectively.

Influence of time: It's miles recognized that imines go through hydrolysis in aqueous solution relying on time. Due to this, UV-vis spectra of all of the investigated receptors have been registered again after 4 days. It had been mentioned out that all receptors are stable for at the least four days in DMF-water blend. After 4 days, the absorption spectra for the interplay of receptors with metal ions had been confirmed no considerable alternate. It had been proved that the complexes which formed are stable in time (Figure 15).

Conclusion

The condensation reaction of 3-nitro-benzaldehyde with 2-amino benzoic acid in molar ratio 1:1 afforded bi-dentate NBA imine receptor while condensation reaction between 2,6-diacetyl pyridine and phenyl hydrazine hydrochloride in molar ratio

1:2 afforded DAPH imine receptor. The elemental analyses and spectroscopic techniques such as NMR, IR and UV-visible spectra were used to the characterization of all the prepared imine chemo-sensors. DFT calculation was performed to confirm the structure of the prepared compounds. Moreover, molecular electronic spectra for the prepared imines were checked in solvents of different polarities at different pH media. In addition to, optical examination of DMF solution (0.1mM) of receptor imine compounds had been checked in presence of an aqueous solution (0.1mM) of several metal ions (Cr^{3+} , Fe^{2+} , VO^{2+} , Co^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , Zn^{2+} and Pd^{2+}) in one: one vol ratio to check their sensing properties. The color alteration in receptor DAPH extension metal ions showed deep green color for Co^{2+} , yellow color for Cu^{2+} , orange color for Fe^{2+} , green color for Cr^{3+} , yellow-green for Ni^{2+} , reddish brown color for Pd^{2+} and pale yellow

for Zn²⁺ ions were formed which have been visible to naked eye. Results had been demonstrated that DHAP has been displayed high selectivity for all ions especially Co²⁺, Cu²⁺, Pd²⁺, Ni²⁺ and Zn²⁺ ions in DMF-water blend. Alternatively, upon addition of metal ions to NBA receptor showed a blue color for Co²⁺, brown color for Cu²⁺, pale orange color for Fe²⁺, silver color for Cr³⁺, green color for Ni²⁺ and orange color for Pd²⁺ ions evolved that's absolutely detectable by using naked eye which imply that NBA has showed high selectivity for all ions especially Cu²⁺, Fe²⁺, Pd²⁺, Ni²⁺ ions in DMF-water mixture.

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